



## Bro. Jeffery Paul Behrens

May 31, 1948 - August 15, 2019

Father James Stephen Behrens, OCSO, a monk at the Monastery of Our Lady of the Holy Spirit died on Thursday, August 15, 2019.

A monk of 25 years and a priest of 45 years, he served as a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark New Jersey for over twenty years before entering the monastery in 1994. Father James was 71 years old when the Lord called him. The celebration of the Funeral Mass of the Resurrection and the burial will be on Wednesday, August 21, at 10:00 AM at the monastery church.

Fr James is the author of six books; two of them containing collections of photographs, each captivating image is accompanied by brief snippets of inspirational words to spark reflection and inner thought. He is the author of the bestseller Portraits of Grace. He is a long-time contributor to the National Catholic Reporter, and his writings have appeared in Notre Dame Magazine, St. Anthony Messenger, the Liguorian, and Living Faith. He is a regular contributor to the Georgia Bulletin and various other publications.

Father James was born in Brooklyn New York after his parents relocated from New Orleans, Louisiana. Most of his youth was spent in Montclair New Jersey, which is the focus of many of his essays. He tends to write on the significance of the ordinary, the sacredness of what comes our way every day and seems to recede from our grasp. His fresh, down-to-earth reflections show how

modern monasticism can have a powerful impact on the lives and spirituality of people living far beyond cloister walls.

Father James is one of seven siblings. His brothers John and James Behrens preceded him in death. He is survived by his sisters Mary Behrens McCarthy (Brian) of Atlanta, Margaret (Meg) Brown (James) of Herndon, Virginia and brothers Robert F. Behrens (Marnie) of Highpoint NC, Peter Behrens (Bonnie) of Troy Michigan and God Mother Mary Dwyer of Brooklyn NY. Father James was a loving uncle to three nephews and five nieces.

Condolences and memorial offerings may be sent in Fr. James  memory to:

The Monastery of the Holy Spirit  
2625 Highway 212 SW  
Conyers, GA 30094  
Attn: Abbot Augustine

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16

# Cemetery Details

## Monastery Of The Holy Spirit

2625 Hwy 212 SW  
Monastery Of The Holy Spirit, GA 30094

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

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*We were so saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. He said to Karen after we 1st met that I was a "nice catch". We were in contact over the years but not as much as we should have been. Rest in Peace, Jeff, you were a true friend.*

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**Steven J Elsman** - August 20, 2019 at 07:54 PM